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with questions connected with the Christian Succession Bill.

The consideration of the subjects was then resumed.

121. The need for giving effect to the concessions now granted to the Pulayas in the matter of education.

Mr. C. Gharadan Solomon (Member, Nominated) expressed his feelings of gratitude towards the Government for their progressive policy in regard to the classes that were backward in all respects. Had it not been for such a policy, he said that a Pulaya would not have been able to represent the grievances of his community in the Assembly. Some years ago, the Ealava community was labouring under similar disadvantages in the matter of admission to schools. The Government were pleased to order their admission to almost all the schools of the State. The Pulayas were now praying for the same privilege, but they had not influential men to support them, able men to work for them and wealth to manage their own affairs as in the case of the Ealavas. The Government had already issued orders throwing open the schools in some places to the Pulayas. Even there, admission was not freely allowed to them. He therefore requested to publish the intention of the Government widely and to give practical effect to the concessions now granted to the Pulayas by enforcing their admission into such schools. He added that the landed gentry of the State would not object to their being admitted into the schools as the Pulayas were ever faithful to them and still worked for them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

122. The establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Narayananputhur.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram taluk) said that the absence of a school in a convenient centre was much felt by the people of ten *pakuthies* such as Kanniakumari, Parakkai, Suchindram and Marungur. To them, Narayananputhur would be a central place. The educational authorities were convinced as to the necessity for a school in that locality; but they were proposing to start it at Suchindram. A school at Suchindram would not afford adequate relief, as places like Cape Comorin would still be 9 miles distant. He therefore requested that a Lower Grade Secondary School be established at the most convenient centre, Narayananputhur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

123. The establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School for Boys and a Lower Grade Elementary School for Girls at Colachel.

Mr. R. Taylor (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that there was a Higher Grade Elementary School for boys at Colachel. There was no convenience for boys to obtain English education. The nearest English school was at Eraniel at a distance of 5 miles. In the register of that school, there were now 71 boys from Colachel. If a Lower Grade Secondary School was started at Colachel, it would afford ample facility for the education of boys of the neighbouring *pakuthies* also.

He then requested that a Lower Grade Elementary School for girls be established at Colachel. At present there was no separate Government Girls' School in Colachel. There were however two very small Tamil schools conducted by the Missionaries. 25 girls now attended the Higher Grade Elementary School for boys, as their parents did not want them to attend the Mission schools, which were denominational. They sent

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